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Sir:

The citations enumerated on the list of references cited (modified Form PTO-1449) appended hereto may be material to the patentability of the above-identified application and are therefore submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 CFR 1.56. The Examiner is requested to make these citations of official record in this application by initialing the citations on the enclosed modified Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is also hereby notified of the following copending commonly assigned related applications:

1. U. S. Serial No. 09/233,443, filed January 20, 1999, for Encapsulation of Sensitive Liquid Components Into A Matrix To Obtain Discrete Shelf-Stable Particles, inventor Bernhard H. van Lengerich.

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2. U. S. Serial No. 09/410,017, filed October 1, 1999, for Encapsulation

of Sensitive Components Into A Matrix To Obtain Discrete Shelf-Stable Particles,

inventor Bernhard H. van Lengerich.

3. U.S. Serial No. 09/595,244, filed June 16, 2000, for Oligosaccharide
Encapsulated Mineral and Vitamin Ingredients, inventors Steven J. Leusner, Jamileh
Lakkis, Bernhard H. van Lengerich and Thomas Jarl.

4. U.S. Serial No. 09/595,121, filed June 16, 2000, for Production of Oil
Encapsulated Minerals and Vitamins In a Glassy Matrix, inventors Bernard H. van
Lengerich and Jamileh Lakkis.

5. U.S. Serial No. 09/596,543, filed June 19, 2000, for Nutrient Clusters
for Food Products and Methods of Preparation, inventors Bernard H. van Lengerich,
Jamileh Lakkis and James Borek.

6. U. S. Serial No. 09/676,953, filed October 2, 2000, for Encapsulation
of Components Into Edible Products, inventor Bernhard H. van Lengerich.

7. U.S. Serial No. 09/673,983 based on international application No.
PCT/US99/04267, filed March 23, 1999, for Encapsulation of Components Into
Edible Products, inventor Bernhard H. van Lengerich.

Each of the references listed on pages 1-3 of the attached forms PTO-1449

was cited by applicant during the pendency of the parent application, serial no.

09/269,763. The pertinency of each reference is the same as in said parent
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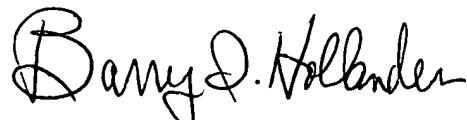
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Enclosures:

Form PTO 1449 (4 sheets)
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